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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3731
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| James F. HEMERICK et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 3731 |
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| Application No.: 09/843,941 |) | Examiner: M. H. THALER |
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| Filed: April 30, 2001 |) | |
| |) | Confirmation No. 8636 |
| For: ENDOSCOPIC STENT DELIVERY |) | |
| SYSTEM AND METHOD |) | |

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed November 24, 2004 and Advisory Action mailed February 9, 2005, the period for response having been extended to March 24, 2005 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.